

Drawings

The drawings, filed on 3/08/05, are accepted.

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Please change the following:

In the claim:

In claim 1:

line 6, *delete* "the" (from "the said)

line 7, change "it" to —said flexispline—

line 17, change "its said toothed external gear" to —said toothed external gear of said flexispline—

In claim 2:

line 8, change "it" to —said flexispline—

In claim 3:

line 8, change "it" to —said flexispline—

In claim 4:

line 8, change "it" to —said flexispline—

line 19, change "its said toothed external gear" to —said toothed external gear of said flexispline—

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18 and 20-30 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tran Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2030. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

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